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Current Awareness and Document Delivery Services Support University Research

Do you wish you had the time to visit the libraries periodically to review the recent journals in your field? Wouldn't it be great if you could just make a phone call and get a copy of the article you recently heard about at a meeting, or the book your subject reference librarian recently notified you the Libraries have acquired? Soon you will be able to do both from the comfort of your office.

Current Awareness Service

The Western Kentucky University Libraries will soon introduce a new service for WKU faculty. The new Current Awareness Service will permit faculty to designate journal titles in the University Libraries' collection from which they would like to review the table of contents as each issue arrives. Upon arrival in the library, the journal's table of contents will be photocopied and sent to the faculty member via campus mail.

Early in the spring semester, the Director of Libraries will send an official memo to all faculty outlining the details of this service. A form for faculty members to complete and

return if they wish to take advantage of the service will accompany the memo. The new service should assist faculty members in keeping current in their areas of research and interest.

If you have any additional questions about the Current Awareness Service after receiving the memo from the Director of Libraries, contact Harley Brooks, Circulation Services Supervisor at 745-6165.

Document Delivery Service

After using the Current Awareness Service to learn of the availability of articles of interest, faculty may then use another library service to obtain the articles. Document Delivery Service has existed in the University Libraries for several years. It is available to staff members as well as faculty. Forms for requesting Document Delivery are available at the circulation desks in Helm-Cravens Library, the Educational Resources Center, and the Science Library. Faculty or staff may obtain photocopies of the articles they desire by mailing or phoning in their re-

quests. Copies will be sent to their offices via campus mail. The faculty or staff member needs to supply complete citations when making the requests. Photocopying will be charged to the faculty or staff member's department. All requests for copying must fall within copyright limits.

Faculty or staff members may also use the Document Delivery Service to request that books from the WKU Libraries be checked out to them and delivered via campus mail. Books may be requested by author and/or title.

Three days should be allowed for delivery of materials by campus mail. For materials needed on a rush basis, the items may be picked up at the appropriate library's circulation desk after the materials have been gathered or photocopied.

Requests may be phoned in to the Cravens Library at 745-6167, to the Educational Resources Center at 745-4552, or to the Science Library at 745-3958. For further information on the Document Delivery Service contact Harley Brooks, Circulation Services Supervisor, at 745-6165.

Census Records: Primary Sources in Research

Since 1790 the Federal census has been taken every ten years. The records of the census provide a wealth of information for social scientists, historians, and genealogists. Researchers interested in many areas including westward expansion, the status of free and slave labor, regional and local history, immigration, and proof of citizenship, often find the records invaluable.

There are two types of census information available: 1) the Federal Population Schedules which give specific information on individuals or households and 2) statistical census data which gives general numerical information on United States population characteristics as a whole, as well as state-by-state.

The Federal Population Schedules are those of greatest interest to genealogists. Due to their confidential nature these records are not released for public use until seventy-two years after the census occurs.

The population schedules for Kentucky from 1790 through 1910, along with published indexes and Soundex/Miracode indexes, are available at the Kentucky Library. These schedules are on microfilm and contain gaps in coverage. The information varies from earlier

to more recent censuses. The 1790 and 1800 records were burned by the British in the War of 1812, but tax lists are available to serve as rather incomplete substitutes. Until 1850 the records list only heads of households by full name, with other members grouped within certain age categories by sex. The 1850 census is the first to record each person's age, occupation if over age 15, and place of birth. Later censuses show country or state of birth, education level, and relationship between the head and members of each household. In 1921 disaster struck again when most of the 1890 population schedules were destroyed or badly damaged by fire. For Kentucky, approximately half of the special schedule which enumerates Union veterans and widows of Union veterans of the Civil War is all that survives. The 1910 census is the most recent population schedule available for public use.

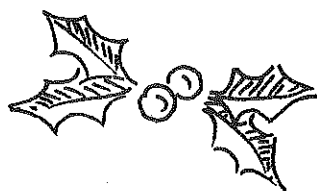
Printed indexes make the population schedules for 1790 through 1850 relatively easy to use. Unfortunately, there is no reference aid for the 1860 or 1870 censuses, so the researcher must suffer the eye-strain and frustration of page-by-page microfilm reading.

Thanks to Soundex/Miracode indexes recently acquired by the WKU Libraries, and located in the Kentucky Library, valuable research time can be saved by anyone using the 1880, 1900, or 1910 census records. The Soundex/Miracode indexes are alphabetic-numeric card indexes prepared by the Works Progress Administration during the 1930s.

In addition to the Kentucky census records in the Kentucky Library collection, those of other states (1790 through 1900 only) may be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan. The Kentucky Library has some printed indexes from fifteen states which will help researchers interested in those areas. For further information on population schedules from 1790 through 1910, visit the Kentucky Library on the second floor of the Kentucky Building or call 745-5083.

Statistical census data is available in the Government Services area on the ground floor of the Helm Library. Statistical census data is not subject to confidentiality regulations, so information is available up through the 1980 Census of Population and Housing. For Government Services Information call 745-6175.

Happy Holidays!



from the



University Libraries

Reception for WKU Authors to End 1987 "Year of the Reader"

The University Libraries will host a reception to honor all Western Kentucky University 1987 authors on Wednesday, December 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Kentucky Building. The reception will be sponsored by the WKU Libraries "Year of the Reader" Celebration Committee as the closing event in the year-long observance. Galleries K and L in the Kentucky Museum will be the location for the event. The Bowling Green Garden Club, which decorates these galleries

each year for the holidays, will provide a festive atmosphere for this occasion. The honorees will be on hand to be recognized and a display of their works will be featured. A special invitation has been extended to those individuals at Western Kentucky University who have authored, edited, or co-authored a work during 1987. All faculty and staff are encouraged to meet those authors in a beautiful Christmas setting at the Kentucky Building.

Libraries Receive Gift Books on Canada

In 1986 Western Kentucky University established the Canadian Studies Program. The program is designed to promote a better understanding of our neighbor to the North and consists of courses offered through various departments across the campus.

To help support this program since its inception, the WKU Libraries have received books valued in excess of \$5,000 as gifts from the Academic Relations Division of the Canadian Department of External Affairs and the Canadian Consulate General in Cleveland, Ohio. The collection is interdisciplinary in nature and includes important volumes on Canadian literature, art, music, theatre, politics, and history. The books are cataloged according to the Library of Congress classification system and shelved throughout the libraries.

Notable reference works include the highly acclaimed *Canadian Encyclopedia*, the *National Atlas of Canada*, and *Documents on Canadian External Relations*. These materials are housed in the Reference Room on the first floor of Helm Library.

The Libraries have also received a complimentary subscription to the interdisciplinary *Journal of Canadian Studies* published at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. In addition, the Libraries have established subscriptions to the *Globe and Mail* (Toronto), Canada's leading national newspaper, and *MacLean's*, Canada's leading weekly news magazine. A backfile of *MacLean's* is available from 1982 to 1986 on microfilm. Periodicals and microforms are located on the second floor of Helm Library.

On Reserve at the Library: An Efficient Solution

Faculty often have a particular book or article from which they would like their students to read, skim, or photocopy material. Faculty also sometimes want to let their students see a sample of their exams. The problem is giving all their students access to the materials. If the book is in the regular circulating collection, the first student to check it out has a monopoly on the book for at least two weeks.

Similarly, having articles reviewed by a number of students often results in deterioration or damage to the periodical volumes, or worse yet, mutilation.

The solution is reserve. The WKU Libraries will be happy to place items on reserve for faculty members. Any of the items named above, or any other materials appropriate for students' use for a class, can be placed on reserve. The circulation period can be limited to one of four choices: Room Use, Overnight, Three Days, or Seven Days.

Items on reserve can be housed in one of three locations: the Circulation Services area on the fourth floor of Cravens Library; the Educational Resources Center; or the Science Library. Faculty may obtain copies of the form for requesting items be placed on reserve at any of these locations or call 745-6167 to have forms mailed to their campus address.

Recent Acquisitions in the WKU Libraries:

The Food Book: The Complete Guide to the Most Popular Brand Name Foods in the U.S. Lawrence D. Chilnick, Producer. Dell Publishing, 1987. Gives ingredients and nutritional value of brand name foods ranging from Gerber's baby food to Yoplait yogurt. Location: Helm Library Reference TX 355 .F65 1987.

American Men and Women of Science. 16th edition. Bowker, 1986. 17 volumes. Completely updated and expanded edition with 7,000 new entries. Now contains more than 125,000 biographical sketches of leading scientists in 160 disciplines. Location: Science Library Reference Q 141 .A474.

The Federal Theatre Project Collection. Government Printing Office, 1987. A register of 525,000 items collected by the Works Progress Administration and placed on deposit at George Mason University. Includes correspondence, play and radio scripts, costume and set designs, posters, playbills and scrapbooks. Location: Government Services (Helm Ground) LC 4.10:61.

Nystrom Skeleton. Nystrom. ca. 1980. A completely articulated life-size skeleton mounted on a rollaway stand. White plastic. Location: Educational Resources Center, Science Alcove XM0103.

Attorneys' Textbook of Medicine. 3rd edition. Matthew Bender, 1987. 17 volumes. Contains information on the latest medico-legal developments with detailed information on subjects ranging from intervertebral disc injuries to thermography. Includes three volumes of color anatomical transparencies and many explicit diagrams and illustrations. Location: Law Reference (Helm Ground). Consult staff for shelf location.

Cosby Family Papers. 1 box. 1846-1938. Collection consists of correspondence, receipts and related papers. Civil War letters include some written in Bowling Green and Russellville, Kentucky, and others from Shiloh, Tennessee, and Corinth, Mississippi. Papers concern family of John D. Cosby of Bremen, Kentucky. Location: Manuscripts, Kentucky Building E-216.

America's Glorious Quilts. Edited by Dennis Duke and Deborah Harding. Macmillan, 1987. Lavishly illustrated volume containing color prints of 260 of the nation's finest antique and modern quilts. Nearly one-fifth of the pictured quilts belong to Kentuckians and 10 are from the Kentucky Museum Collection. Location: Kentucky Library in the NK 9112 classification.

Historical Atlas of Canada: From the Beginning to 1800. University of Toronto Press, 1987. Volume 1 of a 3 volume set. Contains 70 full-color double page plates. Researched by a team of 240 scholars from 28 universities. Location: Helm Library Atlas G 1116 .S1 H58 1987.

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WKU Libraries Calendar

December 9 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Reception for WKU 1987 authors. Location: Kentucky Building, Galleries K and L. See article on page 3 or contact Nancy Baird at 745-6263.

December 11 - 18
For those studying for finals the Helm-Cravens Library will be open special hours as follows:

Friday, December 11	7:45 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 12	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 13	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Monday-Thursday December 14-17	7:45 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Friday, December 18	7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

December 19 - January 3
WKU Libraries will be closed for the holidays. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

KY Museum Exhibits include:

"Handmade Harvest: Traditional Crafts of Tobacco Farmers" (Through December 18)

"Twelve Months of Tobacco" (Through December 18)

"Harlan Hubbard in Retrospect" (Through December 18)

Breathless Moments: Green River Valley Picture Shows" (Through March 15, 1988)

"Sh-Boom: An Explosion of Fifties Fashion" (Through July 31, 1988)

"Ivan Wilson: The Ways of a Watercolorist" (Through September 4, 1988)

December 19 and 20

The Kentucky Museum will be open regular hours:

Saturday	9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 21 to January 5

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Season's Greetings!

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